THE RICHMOND DISPATCH.

JUDGES ARE CHOSEN Those for Nearly All the Counties Elected by the Legislature.

BILL TO REDUCE SALARIES ADVANCED This and The Measure for Listing Bonds Engrossed in the House.

AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION.

All Affect Elections, and Look to Improving the State's Financial Condition-Mr. McCune Don't Want Any Flirting With School-Girls-Many New Measures.

The most important work of the Legis isture yesterday was the election of county judges. These officials for eightynine counties were chosen, the candidates in eleven having not yet been selected, owing to contests, or the fact that they are embraced in the joint resolution by spich a committee was appointed to inestigate as to the responsibility of the judges for the excessive criminal expences therein. Following is the list

exted by the two houses; Accomac-John W. G. Blackstone. A bemarle-John M. White. Amelia-F. R. Farrar. Amherst-Bentley B. Campbell. Appemattox-D. A. Christian. Bedford-Calloway Brown. Botetourt-G. W. Breckenridge. Buckingham-John R. Moss. Campbell-Stephen Adams. Caroline-E. C. Moncure. Charlotte-Boylan Green. Chesterfield-W. I. Clopton. Carke-S. J. C. Moore. Culpeper-W. L. Jeffries. Dinwiddle-B. J. Epes. auquier-C. M. White. Floyd-Waller L. Howard.

Flevanna-W. H. Holman. Frederick-W. M. Atkinson Gloucester-Charles Catlett. Goechland-A. X. Monteiro. Greenesville-W. S. Goodwyn. Grayson-James C. Padgett. Hallfax-W. R. Barksdale. Hanover-S, C. Redd. Henrico-T. Ashby Wickham. Henry-George L. Dillard, Isle of Wight-George R. Atkinson. Isle of Wight-George R. Atkins King and Queen—John G. Dew. Lee—E. W. Pennington. Louisa—F. W. Sims. Loudoun—R. H. Tibbs. Mecklenburg-William E. Homes. Montgomery-W. M. Pierce. Nansemond-Wilbur J. Kilby. Nelson-Thomas P. Fitzpatrick. Norfolk-W. N. Portlock. Northampton-Gilmore S. Kendall, Nottoway-Charles F. Goodwyn. Orange-James W. Morton. Page-E. T. Booton. Patrick-J. R. Moore Pittsylvania—James L. Tredway. Prince Edward—Joseph M. Crute. Prince William—William E. Lipscomb. Pulaski-Seldon Longly. Rappahannock-Hugh M. Dudley. Roanoke-W. W. Moffett. Rockbridge-William P. Houston.

Scott-R. R. Kane. Shepandoah-Frank S. Tavenner. Smyth-G. H. Fudge. Southampton-J. R. Prince. Spotsylvania-R. E. Waller. Sussex-J. E. West. Tazewell-J. H. Stuart. Washington-D. C. Cummings, Jr. Warren-Giles Cooke, Jr. Wytho-William E. Fulton, Alleghany, Bath, and Craig-George K.

Rockingham-George G. Grattan. Husseu-W. A. Ayers.

Augusta and Highland-Lyman Chalk-Hland and Giles-Bernard Mason ochanan and Dickenson-Alex. Beav

Cumberland and Powhatan-Tromas M. Fairfax and Alexandria-James M. Love King George and Stafford-R. H. L.

Madison and Greene-F. M. McMullen. Middlesex and Matthews-G. Taylor New Kent and Charles City-Isaac H.

orthumberland and Lancaster-John Prince George and Surry-Timothy Westmoreland and Richmond-R. H.

IN EXECUTIVE SESSION. Immediately after the election of judges the Senate went into executive session, and confirmed the following appoint-

ments to the boards of visitors of State Southwestern State Hospital-H. Routh of Russell; Henry P. Copenhaven,

Smyth; C. M. Scott, of Bland (to serve years from April 15, 1896), and D. Cummings, Jr., of Washington; Dr. J. Gildersleeve, of Tazeweil; John M. mon, of Scott (to serve three years

estern State Hospital-James L. Tredof Pittsylvania; P. H. Trout, of ton; A. F. Withrow, of Bath (to three years from April 15, 1896); d C. C. Conway, of Orange; F. P. andoah (three years from April 15,

n State Hospita,-Walter H. Tay-P. T. Southall, of Amelia (three from April 15, 1895); William R. ett, of King William; E. D. Starke, of sburg (three years from April 15, 1897); mas J. Cheatham, of Chesterfield, to the vacancy occasioned by the re-

imution of E. D. Starke. tiral State Hospital-R. B. Cooke, of Norfolk; George D. Pearman, of Richsond; George E. Gary, of Manchester three years from April 15, 1896); and Ro-Gilliam, of Petersburg; R. D. James, of Goochland; Reverly P. Eggleston Charlotte (three years from April 15, 1897). Dear, Dumb, and Blind Institution-George A. Mushbach, of Alexandria; Ad-Maupin, of Henrico (three years

from March 15, 1897). Senate took no action upon the communations made for members of the Board of Visitors of the Virginia Poly-

technic Institute.

TO PREVENT FLARTATION.

Mr. McCune introduced a bill providing that it shall be unlawful to interfere with or in any way disturb or disquiet the pupils of any school or college of males, or the principal or teachers charge of them while on any public street, or on the school premises, nor shall any communication be had for such purposes, either orally, by signs, or in writing. It also provides that it shall obtained permission of the principal.
Every person convicted of such offence shall be fined not less than \$5 nor more than \$30, and upon every subsequent of-fence shall pay a fine of not less than \$10 nor more than \$50, and be imprisoned not less than ten nor more than thirty days, the discretion of the court. also makes it an offence for any person to loiter about such institutions, or the

roads, or streets near-by, for the purpose

of annoying the pupils or teachers as they pass.

COMPULSORY EDUCATION. Another bill offered by Mr. McCune provides that the guardians or parents of children between the ages of 8 and 14 years shall send them to school for at least sixteen weeks in every year, failure to do so being punishable by fine. Mr. McCune also introduced a bill re-

juiring the patent medicine vendors, faith curists, etc., who frequent country towns on court days, to pay a license-tax.

A bill was offered by Mr. Barksdale for the relief of Dr. J. H. Mitchell, of for the relief of Halifax county.

MUST PAY CAPITATION TAX. Mr. LeCato offered a joint resolution proposing an amendment to section 1, of Article III. of the Constitution. The amendment adds to those excluded from voting persons "who shall have failed to pay to the State before the day of election the capitation tax required by law for the preceding year."

PRINTING TEXT-BOOKS.

The Senate concerred in the resolution from the House appointing a joint com mittee to report upon the advisability of the State's engaging in the publication of text-books used in the public schools. The Chair appointed as members committee Messrs. Keczell and Eggles-

DELINQUENT CAPITATION TAX.

In response to a resolution adopted by the Senate, a communication was re-ceived from the Auditor of Public Ac-tounts, giving a detailed statement as to the capitation tax, returned delinquent in the several cities and counties for the year 1896. The total amount was \$122.947, divided as follows, as between the races: White, \$62,258; colored, \$60,689. Richmond's list of delinquents was the largest, being \$14,703-white, \$9,224; color-

COUNTY JUDGES' SALARIES. Mr. Opic offered a bill providing for he repeal of all laws regulating the salaries of county judges. He stated that his reason for desiring the passage of the bill was that, unless the Legisla-He stated ture repealed the law at the present session, the salaries of county judges could not be changed for six years, and he was desirous of having them reduced. Mr. Letcher presented a bill extending the time in which the Treasurer is al-

lowed to collect taxes. BILLS PASSED.

The Senate passed the House bill to authorize the Board of Supervisors of Henrico county to require Osage orange hedges to be trimmed.

The Senate bill to protect Mongolian and English pheasants in Albemarle

An act to incorporate the Point Comfort Beach Railway Company. The Senate joint resolution providing for the appointment of a special com-mittee for the purpose of reporting on retrenchment in government expenses, was passed by until Tuesday.

The House resolution postponing the election of certain county judges and a judge for the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit until after the holidays was concurred

House of Delegates.

The House was called to order at noon by Speaker Ryan, and the proceedings opened with prayer by Rev. W. A. Barr. A report was read from the committee appointed to investigate, under Mr. W. H. Mann's resolution, what means should be adopted in order to properly ventilate the hall, in which it was stated that plans had been submitted from Architects West and Read, of this city, and that the latter's had been approved. Mr. Read proposed to ventilate the hall by means of electric "blow-out" fans. The body ordered that the fans be put in during the holidays.

The motion of Mr. W. H. Mann, asking that the vote by which Mr. Buford's resolution, providing for the investigation of the Brunswick judgeship, be reconsidered, came up on the calendar, and was defeated. This means that the resolution will go to the Senate for concur-When the hour arrived for the election

der Mr. Saunders's resolution, a motion was made by Mr. Winborne to postpone these proceedings for one hour, in order that he might get his bill before the House in regard to reduction of the sala-ries of county judges. This was agreed o, after the adoption of a resolution offered by Mr. W. H. Mann, providing that the election of judges for the following counties be postponed until Tuesday next: Brunswick, Carroll, Franklin, King William, Lunenburg, Princess Anne, Wise, James City, York, and Williamsburg, The election of a judge for the Corporation fourt of Manchester was also postponed until that date, while the election of a adge for the fifteenth circuit was postponed indefinitely.

STATE BANKS. Judge Watkins, of Prince Edward, of-

fered the following: Resolved, That the committees on Banking, Currency, and Commerce be requested to report a suitable bill to this body governing State banks of issue that are or hereafter may be chartered.'
The resolution was referred.

TO VENTILATE THE HALL Mr. Maupin, on behalf of the Commit-

tee on Public Property, offered the follow-"The Committee on Public Property, to whom were referred the resolution touch ing the better ventilation of the Hall of

the House of Delegates, beg leave to make the following report: "After consulting two of the best architects in the city of Richmond, they unanimously agreed that the only prac-tical method of securing the end desired was to adopt the plan proposed by Mr Charles U. Read-to-wit: The use of electric exhaust or blowout fans, located as shown on sketch-plan herewith submitted, having different speed of revolution, so that the velocity and volume

haust currents of air can be regulated as desired at each place.
"The total cost, including the architect's fee, will not exceed \$555, as against about \$225 for a less expensive plan, which, in the opinion of your committee, will not secure the desired result.

Your committee recommend that the sum of \$555, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be appropriated for the purpose of carrying out the plan agreed upon." The resolution was agreed to. DIRECTORS OF STATE HOSPITALS.

Mr. John M. Gwyn, introduced a bill to amend section 1662 of the Code relating to the boards of directors of State hos-

pitals for the insane. The measure provides that members

of said boards shall receive for each day's of said boards shall receive for each day's actual attendance upon the meetings, while in session, of their respective boards and meetings of the executive committees, the sum of \$3 per day, and in addition thereto their actual and necessory travelling expenses to and from sary travelling expenses to and from said hospitals, by the nearest mail route. Said per diem and expenses shall, when the accounts have been itemized and cer-tified to the Auditor of Public Accounts, be paid by the State Treasurer on warrants drawn by the Auditor out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise ap-

propriated. RESTORATION OF JAMESTOWN. Mr. Louis C. Barley introduced a bill

o appropriate \$10,000 towards the restoration and preservation of Jamestown, Va. Mr. Parks presented a bill providing that among the studies now taught in the public free schools, that of civil gov-

Mr. Bariey offered a bill providing for the appointment of a game warden, whose duties shall be to see that the laws for the protection of game and fish shall be enforced. This efficer shall be ap-pointed by the Governor for a term of (CONCLUDED ON PAGE SIXTEEN.) NEWPORT NEWS, VA. December 18. (Special.)—County-Officer J. A. Williams

WIFE'S TEARS. THEY AID E. J. WORSHAM IN SE-

THE GOVERNOR PARDONED HIM. The Faithful Little Woman Pleaded

CURING HIS FREEDOM.

Nobly for Her Husband, and Was Rewarded at Last-Pathetle Scene in Prison Walls.

As Governor O'Ferrall has but a few more days to remain at the helm of the ship of state, he announced several days ago that he would probably grant no more pardons, leaving the petitions then on file in his office for the consideration of his successor. But, like many another, he wavered in his decision when woman's tears were shed, and yesterday, by virtue of a pardon, he restored to a sorrowing wife her husband, who has been for twelve long months a prisoner in the

The pardon was granted to E. J. Worsham, a former employee of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company, who was sentenced from Alleghany county to serve four years for murder, and the Governor made the loyal wife the bearer of the document which freed her hus-

Around this exercise of clemency there is a sweetly pathetic story, showing how, through the darkest hours of trial, the love of wife sheds radiance and brings happiness. Worsham and faithful little wife were wedded in Mon-roe county, W. Va., just two years ago, and moved to Alleghany county, where the happy groom was employed as bridge-builder. There on a picnic, the unfortunate fatality occurred. Worsham and a 15-year-old lad were struggling for the possession of a pistol, and, in the presence of the bride of a few months, the pistol was discharged, her husband becoming a murderer, and the lad falling to the ground dead.

HE SURRENDERED HIMSELF. Worsham at once surrendered himself

to the authorities, asserting that the killing was accidental. He was convicted, however, and brought to prison, with a four-years' sentence hanging over him. He had been here only a short time, when his wife followed him, and was for a time a guest at the hospitable home of Major B. W. Lynn, her hus-band's custodian. Major Lynn secured her a position as housekeeper for Mr. W. H. Gathright at 1112 north Twentyeighth street, so she could remain here and be near her husband. She at once began to sue for a pardon for the man she had sworn to love and honor, and early last summer called upon the Governor, at his county residence, and inter-ceded with him for the pardon of her husband. She brought with her a bundle of papers-petitions-the signers of which were unknown to the Governor, declaring that the writers were convinced that the young man was innocent of the crime charged against him, for which he had been sentenced to serve four years in the penitentiary.

BUT ONE HOPE LEFT. Governor O'Ferrall examined these pe-titions carefully, but there were no papers among them calculated to throw any among them calculated to throw any light on the case. He told Mrs. Worsham that while he felt every inclination to do what he could for her, yet she had brought life nothing that would give him any light as to the merits of the case. Her reply was: "Is there nothing I can do to secure my

usband's pardon?"
The Governor told her that if she could secure the recommendation of the Commonwealth's Attorney of Alleghany county, and of the jury that tried her

band, for his pardon, and submit them to him, he would consider the case. Mrs. Worsham came again and again papers, but they were always in the na-ture of petitions, and not at all official, so finally he declined to grant the pardon

The Governor, though feeling deeply for his petitioner, dismissed the matter with this interview, and had forgotten the in-cident until on last Saturday night, Mrs. Worsham called on him at the Execu tive mansion, and again sought elemency for her husband. The Governor at first declined to hear her, but when she burst into tears, he consented to look at her papers, which she had brought, and found to his surprise, that they were strong ommendations for pardon from the Commonwealth's Attorney of Alleghany and the jury that tried young Worsham.

THE WIFE'S RECITAL. His Excellency then questioned the wife, and, at his solicitation, she told him the story of how her husband, herself, and a party of friends were out together on a pleasure trip; how her hus-band had drawn a pistol from his pocket and insisted on firing it; of how a 15-year-old boy named Long, who was in the party, seized his arm and told him he must not shoot, as he would scare the team that was just ahead, and of how, in the struggle, the weapon was dis-charged and the boy fell to the ground with a bullet in his head, dying soon

The Governor being deeply touched at the devotion of the wife, which was evi-dent throughout her story, determined to do something for her if he consistently could, and he told her to return yester-Early yesterday morning he signed a pardon for Worsham, and a mesenger was dispatched for Mrs. Worsham, who hastened to the Capitol. She was overcome with joy when the pardon was handed her, and grasping it in her hand, she kissed it again and again, and hurrying from the office, hastened to the penientiary, where she handed the paper to

THE TWAIN REUNITED. Worsham, who was at work in the shoeshop, was sent for, and after a warm and affectionate greeting between husband and wife, Mrs. Worsham said: "You can't guess what good news I

"No. What is it?" replied Worsham, a smile of hope lighting up his really hand-

"Here's your pardon," the wife quietly aid, pointing to the official document in Major Lynn's hand.

Worsham's face displayed his happi-

ness, but he could not say a word. Tears eemed to well in his eyes, as he looked with all the love in his being at his wife, "Governor O'Ferrall told me to tell you that it was through me that you got the said Mrs. Worsham, now all

"Yes," laughingly replied the happy "I knew you did work hard, and

man, "I knew you the word and so did my people."
"But your people did not come down here to be near you," replied the wife.
A discussion was then gone into to decide what would be done. Major Lynn offered some suggestions, and it was finally agreed that Mrs. Worsham finally agreed that Mrs. hould go out and make some purchases that her husband would need, and return for him later in the day.

The pardoned man went back to his bench to get a few things that belonged to him, and to make ready for his departure, and at 4 o'clock his wife turned for him, and the two left the prison as happy as bride and groom

They will remain in Richmond until Monday, and will then go to Covington Captain of an Oyster Schooner Jailed

and High-Constable W. J. Smith have arrested Captain Charles York and John arrested Captain Charles York and John York, of the schooner B. B. Price, on the charge of taking up seed-oysters from the James river for the purpose of transplanting them in New Jersey waters. The Captain and his mate were arrested on the schooner, which was anchored about eight miles up the river. The officers found the hold of the vessel filled with seed-oysters. The men were taken before Justice Jones, who fined Captain Charles York \$250 and costs, and committed him to the city jail in deommitted him to the city jail in de-

ALBEMARLE WEDDING. Pretty Decorations-The Attendants. A Reception.

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., December 18 .- (Special.)-Mr. Charles Stuart Bowcock and Miss Anna Gaines Early were married at high noon to-day at "Farmington," the pretty country home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank S. Durrette, situated twelve miles north of the city, in this county. The wedding was a very beauti-ful one. The parlors had been tastefully decorated with evergreens and potted plants, and were darkened and illumi-nated from chandellers and soft-shaded lamps, giving out every color of the rain-bow. The officiating clergymen were the Rev. R. C. Cowling, of Madison, and the Rev. Harry B. Lee, rector of the Episco-pal church, of this city. The attendants were Messrs. Willie Durrette, Russell Early, Charles Fox, and Robert Birckhead, and the bridesmaids, Miss Mattle Anderson, Miss Emma Parish, Miss Eisle Thrift, and Miss Letitia Blakey. Mrs. Frank S. Michie presided at the organ, rendered Mendelssohn's march while the bridal party entered the room. The bride was attired in white organdle over white brocade silk, trimmed with pearl passementerie and mousselin de soie and large white veil, caught with orange blossoms, and carried in her hand

After the ceremony the bride and groom, together with the attendants and about one hundred invited guests, sat lown to a first-class old Virginia dinner. At 4 o'clock Mr. and Mrs. Bowcock, accompanied by a host of friends in car-riages, left for "Le Fourche," the hand-some home of the groom, at Keswick, where a magnificent reception was ten-dered them at 3 o'clock.

The following young ladies assisted in receiving: Miss Fannie Early, of Wash-ington; Miss Bowcock, Miss Thrift, Miss Wiss Bowcock, Miss Thrift, Miss

Farish, Miss Birckhead, and Miss Michie, of Albemarle. Mr. and Mrs. Bowcock were the re-cipients of many valuable and handsome

FIRE ABOARD SHIP.

presents

Discovered in the Hold of the Ship

Aries. NORFOLK, VA., December 18 .- (Spe cial.)-About 2 o'clock this morning the wharf watchman on board of the British steamship Aries, loading cotton at Peters & Reids's wharf, discovered smoke issuing from No. 3 hatch, in which about 1,700 bales of cotton had been loaded. Captain Disney, the commander, was called, and the blowing of the ship's whistle brought the fire-boats Piedmont whistle brought the fire-boats Pledmont and Ross to the ship's assistance, while a city alarm summoned the Portsmouth engines. The engines poured water into the hold of the ship, while the tugs and the pumps from the Aries forced steam into the compartment in which the cotton was. The Aries had almost finished leading her carry, and had on about loading her cargo, and had on about 8,000 bales. Almost 1,500 of the bales were taken out of the ship Mayfield, which

TWO VETERANS DEAD. The Body of One Found in the

Woods. STORMONT, VA., December 18 -(Special.)-Mr. Burruss Slaughter, a Confederate veteran, and a prominent citizen of this county, was found dead near the residence of Mr. Robert Blake, his sonin-law, last night about 11 o'clock. Mr. Slaughter lived with Mrs. Miller, a mar-ried daughter of his, and left her home Wednesday to visit Mrs. Blake. Nothing was heard of him until last night, when Mrs. Miller inquired of some of the Blake family about her father, and it turned out that no one knew his whereabouts. Search was made at once, and his body was found in the woods near by. It is supposed he went to see about some firewood, and dropped dead from heart trouble.

of violence about his person. He was 78 years old, and a very zealous Metho-Mr. William Dunlavy, another Confede rate veteran, died this morning, in his 79th year.

Warm Springs Valley.

WARM SPRINGS, VA., December 18 .-(Special.)-The Rev. William C. White has been confined to his house and bed for some days. He was thus prevented from filling his appointments on Sunday

Miss Mary Coyner, of Baltimore, who spends a good deal of the year at the home of Dr. Henry S. Pole, has returned

Mr. Robert J. Thomas, of Alexandria, was in attendance on our County Court

Judge C. R. McDannold held his December term of the County Court on Monday last. It is the last term which will be held under the existing judicial arrangement, as on January 1st. becomes a part of the Alleghany, Bath, and Craig Circuit, and Highland goes with Augusta county. It is hoped that this adjustment may result in a more satisfactory service.

More Burglaries in Luray.

LURAY, VA., December 18 .- (Special.)-Burglars were again at work in Luray last night. The grain warehouse of A.
La Jamison was entered, and the iron safe was blown open. A hole was drilled through the top of the safe, and the ex-plosion of the powder was of sufficient prosion of the powder was of sufficient force to throw the door across the office, breaking a stove, in its course, and the wainscoating on the opposite side of the room. No money was secured, but some certificates of stock were carried off. The distillery of R. L. Pritchard & Co. and the mill of Huffman & Rothgeb, near town, were also broken into, evidently by the same parties, and a small quantity of liquor was stolen from the

distillery. Williamsburg Jottings.

WILLIAMSBURG, December 18.-(Special) cial.)-The faculty of the college has deided to give a longer holiday cided to give a longer holiday this session at Christmas than usual. Lectures will be suspended Thursday evening and resumed Monday, January 3d.

Dr. Isaac Ketler, president of Grove City College, Grove City, Pa., was here to-day.

W. Lindsay Bibb, Esq., a member of the Norfolk Bar, was here to-day.

the Norfolk Bar, was here to-day.

Mr. Arthur Denmead is now visiting in Baltimore, Mrs. H. M. Sweeny in New-port News, and Miss Lottie Garrett re-turned this morning from Richmond.

NEWPORT NEWS, VA., December 18.— (Special.)—The fight for the office of Quarantino Inspector for this port is going merrily on. There are six physicians bemerrily on. There are six physicians besides the incumbent who will be applicants. They are: Dr. B. R. Gary, B. J.
Warriner, W. F. Cooper, S. W. H. Hobson, W. R. Creasy, and Aaron Jeffries,
It is stated on good authority that combinations are being formed.

YULETIDE IS HERE.

GOSPEL OF PEACE AND GOOD WILL SPREAD ABROAD IN THE LAND.

HOW RICHMOND WILL CELEBRATE.

The Family Festival a Conspicuous

Feature-Arrangements to Cheer, Elevate, and Gladden the Hearts of the Children, the Sick, the Aged.

Christmas, with its gospel of peace and son are fast falling into disuse. The family festivals and the church celebrations, however, still survive. Homes and churches are still decorated, and unusually impressive services mark this great day in the church calendar. But many of the more friendly customs associated with the day have entirely disappeared, or are fast being swallowed up in the avalanche of demands made upon us by society or by business. Our grandsires and their dames for five

generations back yearly gave themselves up to the gayety of a fortnight's Christmas season. We have retained the meagre festivity one single day. But it is becoming a question if our observance of Christmastide might not be enlarged, borrowing something from the old

gay way of life that pertained before we all felt upon our shoulders the respon-sibilities of hard times. FEATURES OF CELEBRATIONS. A conspicuous feature of the home cele

brations will be, as usual, the Christ-mas trees. Whether its fruit shall be distributed by Santa Claus or Kris Kringle or Knight Rupert, we must have it, not only to commemorate the gift-giving of the various peoples from whom our Christmas habits have come, but the gifts of gold and myrrh and frankincense brought by the Magi to the Child

in the manger.

The next day will commemorate St.
Stephen. In the olden times it was called "Boxing-day," because of the cus-tom of giving presents to the poor. As it falls on Sunday this year, it will be marked by special services in all the

churches.

When another morning dawns it is the Day of Holy Innocents, and there shall be the Sunday-school Christmas trees and treats, when the hearts of the little ones are happiest and the cups of good cheer brims over in most generous profusion.

There will be an unusually large num-

POOR WILL BE REMEMBERED.

There will be an unusually large number of dinners supplied to the poor, and the city's benefactions will be multiplied by those of private individuals.

For several years past there has been a growing disposition on the part of the leisure class to minister to the wants, the necessities, and the comfort of their less fortunes bestimes by fortunate brethren.
At the Soldiers' Home on Christmas-

Day the veterans will be splendidly en-tertained to a fine dinner at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. The tables will be prettly the afternoon. The tables will be prettily decorated, and the menu is a most tempting one. Musical selections will be played during the progress of the meal.

At the penitentiary the day will be observed as a holiday, and the prisoners will have a nice Christmas dinner.

One of the most interesting gatherings of children will be held at the Richmond.

taken out of the ship Mayfield, which was on fire two months ago, to go on deckly but as this was nowiere near the hatchways of the Aries the origin of the fire in the ship's hold is a tnystery. It is impossible to tell what damage has been done, as the hatchways are sealed up.

TWO VETERANS DEAD.

One of the most interesting gatherings of children will be held at the Richmond Maile Orphan Asylum on Tuesday. The feature of the entertainment will be a giant Christmas-tree, and at night there will be a special carol service in the chapel of the institution and a glorious Christmas dinner.

preparations are being made to gladden the hearts of the unfortunate inmates. In the children's ward of the Retreat for the Sick a Christmas-tree will be placed in full view of the little sufferers, and every one of the children will re-

At the hospitals special and elaborate

At the homes for the Aged and Infirm arrangements have been made to gladden the hearts which must otherwise be burdened with saddest memories.

There is a manifest disposition abroad

to brighten the lives and lessen the cares of those who have been worsted in life's battle, and so it will be a Christmas for the poor, even if it should be a poorer Christmas than some which memory can

WILL HAVE FINE MUSIC. The Dispatch gives this morning, in an-

other column, the programmes of music arranged to be sung in many of the churches of the city on Christmas-Day and the day following. Other programmes were received too late to be so classified and are given below: The Christmas music at St. John's Ger-

man church will be exceptionally fine on Christmas-Day and the Sunday following. The choir, under the able direction o John Baseler, has been for the last month hard at work. The following will be sun on tness days: "Sweet Babe of Bethlehem" (George William Warren); "The Holy Night" (Rev. Dr. Paul L. Menzel); "Thou Tellest Good Tidings' (Dudley Buck).

The following ladies and gentlement compose the choir: Sopranos—Mrs. John T. Anderson, Jr., Mrs. Lizzie Meyer, Mrs. Horace Kirkwood, Mrs. Samuel B. ston, Mrs. George L. Franck, Miss Minnie Behle, Miss Marca Menzel, Miss Josie

Altos-Mrs. Henry C. Rueger, Mis Rhea Menzel, Miss Marie Schaaf, Miss Emma Schumann.

Tenor-Mr. Charles H. Phillips. Bassos-Mr. Henry C. Rueger, Mr. Walter C. Schaaf, Mr. Fred B. Schaaf.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH. The programme at St. Mark's church

of which Bishop C. C. Penick is on Christmas morning will be as follows Processional, Hymn No. 49 (J. Reading) "Venite" (in B flat) (J. R. Corbin); "Te Deum" (in F) (J. B. Dykes); "Jubilate" (in F) (B. Tours); Introit, Hymn No. (R. S. Willis); "Gloria Tihe" (Paris) (R. S. Willis); "Gloria Tibi" (Paxton); Hymn No. 51 (Mendelssohn); Offertory "Brightest and Best of the Son of the Morning" (P. A. Schnecker); Re-cessional, Hymn No. 60 (H. Smart). cessional, Hymn No. 69 (H. Smart).

December 25th the following music will
be sung: Processional, Hymn No. 49;
"Gloria Patri" (J. C. Warren, "Magnifleat" (J. C. Warren); "Nunc Dimittis" (in C) (A. J. Davis); Hymn, No. 58 (L. H. Redner); Offertory Anthem, "Over the

Hills of Bethlehem" (H. R. Shelley); Recessional, Hymn, No. 60. The following compose the choir of St Sopranos-Misses Hallie Armistead Brown, Florence and Kate Franklin, Higgason, Link, Shelley, Thomas, Tinsley,

and Mrs. Nash.

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Altos-Misses Buckner Armistead, Bryant, Hulst, Tyrer, and Wray.
Tenors-Messrs. Dashiell, Hardy, Montgomery, Netherwood. and Penzer.
Bassos-Messrs. Bennett, Fairbanks,
Farrar, Lindsay, McBain, McGuire, and Martenstein. Organist-Miss Julia Mabel Taylor. Choir Master-Mr. J. P. Dashiell.

AT CHRIST CHURCH.

The Christmas service at Christ church will be held Saturday morning at 11 o'clock, and the following excellent musical programme will be rendered then and repeated on Sunday: Te Deum (E flat), (Danks); Venite (Goodson); Jubilate nat). (Danks); Venite (Goodson); Jubilate (B flat) (Danks); hymn, "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing" (Dykes); hymn, "Christians Awake, Salute the Happy Morn" (Wainright); Offertory, "Holy City."

The choir embraces the following sing-

Soproni-Mrs. G. P. Mountenstie, Mrs. Charles H. Burton, Mrs. Ida Brackett,

Mrs. Nicholas Rooney, and Miss Lillie Rogers.
Alti-Mrs. Fred. Lowe and Miss Lee GOSSIP OF LONDON.

Tenori-J. Rodolph Day, J. C. Day, and PRETTY SHARP CRITICISM OF THE Charles Patterson. Bassi-J. E. Creery, C. H. Burton, and J. P. Davis. Organist-Miss Fannie Taylor.

CONGRESS TAKES HOLIDAY.

Klondike Relief Measure Passed-Adjournment Till January 5th.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 18-This being the last day of the session be fore the holldays, the chaplain of the House took occasion, in his opening prayer, to refer to the approaching season of peace and good will, and to pay a good will, is once more at our doors. tribute to the late Representative Cook, Many of the old-time customs of the sea-

to-day.

The conference report on the emer gency relief measure for the Klondike country was presented and agreed to. It compromises the amount at \$200,000, pro-vides for securing the consent of Canada to extending the relief to the Canadian

side, and authorizes the use of the army to carry out the relief measure.

At 12:30 P. M. Mr. Boutell, of Illinois, offered resolutions of profound regret on the death of Mr. Cooke, of Illinois, and

eulogies were begun. It was the first time Mr. Boutell, who succeeds Mr. Cooke, had spoken in the House. He paid a high tribute to the de-ceased, and referred to President McKinley's recent bereavement in the loss of his mother. Those who paid tribute to the decease

member were Messrs. Boutell, Henderson, Belknap, Royce, Mann, Brosius, Hopkins, Dinsmore, Graff, Moody, Prince, and At 2:10, the eulogies being concluded, the

House adjourned till January 5th. SENATE PROCEEDINGS. To-day's open session of the Senate was brief, the time being consumed in the introduction of bills and resolutions, several of the latter, calling for information from various departments, being passed. One of the resolutions agreed to increase from \$50,000 to \$62,500 the amount to be expended by the government on the buildings at the Trans-Mississippi International Exposition, to be held in Omaha, and reduced by \$12,500 the sum to be expended upon the government display.

At 12:40 o'clock the Senate went into executive session. During this session the conference report upon the bill providing relief for the Klondike miners was received and adopted. The bill appropri-ates \$200,000, to be expended under the direction of the Secretary of War in the purchase of supplies for the relief of the people in the Yukon river country, or other mining regions of Alaska, and for the transportation and distribution of such supplies; provided, that if the consent of the Canadian Government is obtained, the Secretary of War may extend the relief into Canadian territory. The resolution of the House provides that the supplies may be sold in that re-gion at such prices as may be fixed by

the Secretary of War, or donated to those unable to pay for them. USE OF REINDEER.

The Secretary of War is authorized to use the United States army in carrying into effect the provisions of the act, to import reindeer and reindeer drivers for the transportation of supplies, and to adopt such other provisions as are prac-The Secretary is directed, when the

work shall have been completed, to sell the reindeer or turn them over to the Secretary of the Interior, in his discretion, and to make a detailed report to Congress at the beginning of the next session of all disbursements made and results accomplished under the act. At 2 P. M. the Senate adjourned until Wednesday, January 5, 1898.

THE COCKADE CITY. + Burned to Death-Serious Accident-

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A Surprise All Round.

PETERSBURG, VA., December 18.—
(Special.)—A little 5-year-old girl, daughter of Sarah Battle (colored), living on (Special.)-A little 5-year-old girl, daughter of Sarah Battle (colored), living on Lombard street, was burned to death this morning. The woman goes out to work every morning, and was in the habit of leaving her daughter with the children of a family on the adjoining lot until her return home. This morning the girl and two other children were left alone in a room, and, while playing with alone in a room, and, while playing with the fire in a grate her dress caught ablaze, and she was so terribly burned that she died in an hour. The others escaped by running down-stairs.

Mr. W. G. Gill, while chopping wood this morning, had one of his hands so hadly cut by the flying of the axe from the handle that it is feared he will lose the use of that member.

A large buck, with spreading antiers, jumped the fence into the yard of the gas-house this afternoon, causing great surprise to the people in the yard. After a moment's mutual stare the deer ran out through the gate, and made for the river. He swam the stream, and cs-caped over into Chesterfield county. Workmen were engaged to-day in re-building the bridge over the river, con-necting with the Romaine Fireworks,

At the meeting of Cockade City Lodge, No. 16, Ancient Order United Workmen, held last night, the following officers were elected for the ensuing term: Mas-ter Workman, R. E. Braxton; Foreman William Taylor, Jr.; Overseer, Robert Stewart; Recorder, W. M. Winfree; Fi-nancier, R. T. Matteson; Receiver, J. C. Matteson; Guide, H. R. Smith,
This afternoon the horse attached to

loaded with wood, and belonging to a Dinwiddian, ran away on Gill street. Several wagons were upset before the horse could be stopped, and the cart was broken into splinters.

President W. G. Elliott, of the Atlantic-Coast Line, and Rev. Dr. Richard Mc-Ilwaine, of Hampden-Sidney, were in the

Mr. A. A. Traylor, one of our oldest

Suffolk Selections.

SUFFOLK, VA., December 18.—(Special.)—The young ladies of Suffolk College gave their ante-Christmas musicale last night. A large audience was in at-tendance, and throroughly enjoyed the well-rendered programme of musical and literary numbers. While all the partici-pants did their parts well, the honors of the evening were carried off by Miss Anna Chinn Withers, elocutionist, and

Miss Mabèl Florence Diggs, vocalist.
Miss Mary Ferebee, of Oxford, N. C.,
a daughter of Surgeon J. N. Ferebee,
United States navy, has been the guest of Miss Virginia Jordan this week. Miss Ferebee is a very attractive young lady, and has made many friends in Suffolk.

Mrs. C. M. Boswell and daughter, of Richmond, have returned home, spending several weeks with relatives in

Ex-Mayor J. B. Pinner and family have been visiting in Richmond for the past

Emperia Notes.

EMPORIA, VA., December 18.-(Special.)—The Burk & McFeleridge Company, of Philadelphia, Pa., lithographers hard-wood manufacturers, engravers, etc. will shortly establish a branch of their business at Trego, six miles south of here and it is announced that at an early date a tile and fancy brick manufac-tory will be established in North Em-Misses Anna and Mennis Chambliss an

Bella Powell, of the Southern Female College, are here for the holidays. Christmas, although the times are hard, will be fraught with the usual gayeties. Among the attractions will be a dance by the Emporia Cotillon Club.

KIEL INCIDENT.

BOUNTY

British Disaster in the Indian Campaign-Sale of Jane Hading's Jews

elry-The Bernhardt "Weary "

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Watching Against Vitriol."

Press.) LONDON, December 18 .- The general opinion of Kiel is voiced by a diplom remark: "It is a great pity that Germany, having an easy, safe, and simple though slightly piratical, piece of work on hand, should not be able to perform

it without the world's taking hand." The Times says: "The august utternnces are worthy of heroes of molodrama, and would seem high-flown to modern ideas if uttered by Philip II., as he dispatched the Armada, or Columbus, as he started to carry the dominion of Spain over the ocean. The Kaises eveked memories of Metz and Sedan to encourage Prince Henry to keep a stout heart as he faces the perils of the Sues canal and the terrors of the China seas. Prince Henry's peroration was closed by a specimen of almost Byzantine selfabasement, unique in the annals of

modern Europe.' The Saturday Review thinks the nicks name of "William, the Witless," is no longer adequate, adding that "he is stark, staring mad." Continuing, the Saturday Review remarks: "In spite of the ominous fact that he has alienated the ominous fact that he has allenated the newspapers and professors, and insulted the greatest nobles, when they ventured to disagree with his extraordinary activity, until the court is deserted, and known throughout Germany as a court of 'parvenus,' the poor creature continues to take himself seriously, as a sort of drill-sergeant of Providence."

SUGAR BOUNTIES. The indications point to a passage in the Queen's speech at the opening of Parliament, referring to the sugar interests of the Colonies. It will probably announce that the government has decided to propose a conference of the Powers interested in sugar bounties. It is understood that the government is prepared to announce at such a conference that unless the bounty system is abandoned Great Britain will imposse countervailing duties. countervailing duties.

The Colonial effice has been greatly ex-

ercised since the West Indian commis-sion reported, and since the Reichstag discussion in which Herr Reichter admitted that if Great Britain should follow the lead of the United States and tax bounty sugar the death-knell of bounties would be sounded. Signs are not lacking that both Germany and France are anxious to abolish the bounties, but anxious to abolish the bounties, but neither will abandon them so long as the other is free to maintain them, and so monopolize the English market. The ob-jections of the free traders to a protective measure will probably be over-

be removed as soon as the bounty is A West Indian planter writes to a friend in London, saying: "If the stand-ard of rebellion is raised in favor of an alliance with the United States, I will volunteer forthwith. We owe all of our sufferings to the Imperial connection, and it is high time it was ended. England will have a rude awakening."

REVERSES IN INDIA.

The reverse suffered by General West

macott's brigade in the Bara Valley is in

tention of Sir William Lockhart, the British Commander-in-Chief, to invade the country in another direction. The feels that something must be done forthfeels that something must be done for the with to retrieve British prestige, and the Khiber Pass road, which the Afridia "closed about six months ago," will probably be comparatively easily reopened.

In the mean while the worst impression has been created in Great Britain by the relievation of the statement that the reiteration of the statement that the rank and file of at least four British regiments shows decided lack of pluck in the presence of native regiments. An officer at the the front writes: "The officer at the the front writes; "The worst is that the native troops have seen the cowardice of their white comrades, and they state openly that if any Tommy Atkins is rude to them hereafter, they will hammer him. And the awful thing is that they can do so." It is obvious that if the natives lose their respect for British courage, Great Britain's hold on India is most precarious. The whole fault seems to lie in expecting boys to ea

fault seems to lie in expecting boys men's work, and in turning them just when they are becoming good solwhich was blown down several nights The campaign cannot end before March, and the cost, fully \$30,000,000, will necessitate the intervention of the British Treasury in order to avert the bankruptcy.

of India. HADING'S JEWELRY.

The society event of Paris this week was the sale of Jane Hading's jewels on Thursday. Her lap-dog's collar, studded with diamonds, brought \$1,000; a dog collar, with superb pearl and diamond p ants, was sold for \$7,000, ants. a pearl necklace was auctioned off for Sarah Bernhardt, in an interview

Wednesday, said: "Hy life is wearled the ceaseless watch I am obliged to ke the ceaseless watch I am obliged to see against vitriol. She has been escorted everywhere, having been threatened by the mother of Mmle. Klein, who months ago threatened to use vitriol, and who, at Sarah's instance, was confined in an asy-Alexandria Cracker Plant Absorbed

ALEXANDRIA, VA., December 13.— (Special.)—The establishment of the George R. Hill Company, of this city, one of the largest cracker manufacturin plants in the South, passed to-day int the control of the American Blueut the control of the American Blood's Company. The plant, which is already an extensive one, will be considerably enlarged, and put on the same footing as the immense establishment of the kind in New York and other centres,

Mr. A. Marion Taylor, of Yazoo City, Miss., is very ill with pneumonia at the residence of his niece, Mrs. W. E. Drew

The Weather. WASHINGTON, December 18.

Forecast for Sunday: For Virginia-Light sa rain; continued low temper northerly winds.

For North Carolina-Rain; colder w ther; north to east winds. THE WEATHER IN RICHMON YESTERDAY was clear and pleasure.

6 P. M.

State of thermometer:

Mean temperature